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AS FAR AS EMBASSY COULD TELL, ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET IN-
VASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1968 PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT.
EMBASSY OFFICERS DID NOTICE MORE POLICEMEN ON THE TREETS THAN
USUAL, AND INPARTICULAR WE NOTICED POLICE KEEPING PEOPLE
MOVING IN VICINITY OF 1968 DEMONSTRATION SPOTS SUCH AS
WENCESLAS SQUARE. ONE CZECH VISITOR SAID THAT HIGH
MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STICK AT
THE OFFICE AUG 21, APPARENTLY WITH THE IDEA OF KEEPING
UNNECESSARY PERSONS FROM BEING OUT ON THE STREETS. ON
THE OTHER HAND, EMBASSY OFFICERS VISITING JAN PALAC'S
FORMER GRAVESITE FOUND NOBODY PASSING BY. IT
WOULD APPEAR THAT THE CZECHS TOOK THE DAY CALMLY, BUT
THE REGIME IS STILL NERVOUS ENOUGH TO TAKE EXTRA
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES. THE DAY WAS TYPIFIED BY AN
EXPECTANT CZECHFATHER, WHOSE BABY IS LONG OVERDUE,
WHO TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER HE WANTED THE BABY TO
COME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR HIS WIFE'S SAKE, BUT
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HE PRAYED IT DID NOT ARRIVE WITH A BIRTHDAY OF AUGUST 21.

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